

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Satoru WAKAO, ET AL.) : Examiner: T. Ho
Application No.: 09/521,424) : Group Art Unit: 2132
Filed: March 8, 2000) : Confirmation No.: 1497
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, please amend the application as indicated below.